

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. No Claims have been amended. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-9 and 17-24 are now are presented for examination.

### **Restriction Requirement/Election**

In response to the examiner's Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant elects Group I of claims 1-9 and 17-24 ("drawn to a method for seeding a pseudo-random number generator") for examination.

Group II of claims 10-16 ("drawn to a method of encrypting a message for secure transmission") are cancelled without prejudice.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

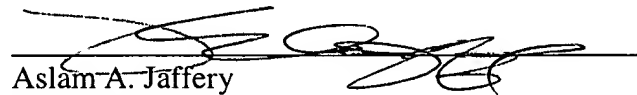
### **Charge our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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